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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director for Intelligence

INFO : D/DCI/NIO
Director, OER
NIO/Conventional Forces
NIO/Economics

SUBJECT : DIA Interest in Long-Range Implications
of World Oil Exploration

1. Forwarded for your information is a copy of an internal DIA memorandum in which Admiral de Poix expresses interest in an internal DIA study or estimate on this subject.

25X1 2. [] of DIA Estimates discussed this with
25X1 me by telephone on 30 April. The two points made by
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(a) DIA is not doing much analytical work on the world oil situation.

(b) Before undertaking any internal DIA effort he wished to ascertain what was being done elsewhere in the community and particularly in CIA on this subject.

3. It appears that Admiral de Poix was less interested in the usual questions of supply and price and was more interested in the geographical distribution of areas in which successful exploration might be expected and the impact of new sources and possible conflicts over the control of new sources of oil.

4. I believe that a response to DIA Estimates should include the following:

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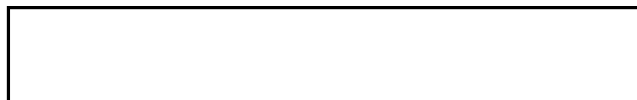
(a) A simple inventory of areas in which we believe new significant oil discoveries are likely and questions of territorial ownership or control are involved.

(b) The extent to which unresolved issues at the Law of the Sea Conference will apply.

(c) Some indication of our views of the seriousness of territorial disputes and their relevance to U.S. long-range defense interests.

5. I am assuming that in most cases potentially disputed areas will most often be found in off-shore areas although there are at hand several unresolved territorial disputes that involve on-shore oil areas.

6. The purpose of this memorandum is to inquire whether there is a continuing effort within the DDI that covers all or any significant part of this subject.



James H. Critchfield
NIO/Energy

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Attachment

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TO : Director, OER

FROM: Deputy Director for Intelligence

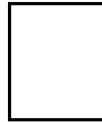
Attached is a copy of a memo from Critchfield concerning a question about world oil availability. Please draft a response for my signature and coordinate it with OBG.

If work along these lines has been or is being done in connection with other studies in the US Government, please include a description and reference.

signed
Ed Proctor

MEMORANDUM FOR: Messrs. Proctor/Walsh

I checked with Jack King on this who tells me the answer is "no" to the question Critchfield poses in paragraph 6 (as far as OBGI is concerned).



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